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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

American consuls at European ports informed that restrictions against Russian emigrants are suspended.

JUNE 2, 1906.

The SECRETARY OF STATE.

SIR: Referring to Department letter of November 23, 1905, modified by subsequent letter of December 1, 1905, requesting that American consular officers at ports of continental Europe and of Great Britain, therein named, where Russian emigrants embark for the United States, be instructed that said Russian emigrants should be detained five days under observation before being allowed to embark for the United States and their baggage disinfected in accordance with the regulations of this Department, I have the honor to state that the Department is in receipt of information from the Surgeon-General of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service that no cholera has been reported in Russia since December, 1905.

It is therefore recommended that consular officers at these ports, including the consul at Riga, Russia, be informed that the foregoing restrictions upon emigrants embarking for the United States have been revoked for the present, but will be reimposed should the appearance of cholera in Russia render it necessary.

And I further have to request that this information be furnished the consuls by cable.

Respectfully,

H. A. TAYLOR, *Acting Secretary.*

AUSTRALIA.

Report from Queensland—Plague.

The following is received from the department of public health of Queensland under dates of April 12 and 21:

BRISBANE.

Week ended April 12, 1906: Plague cases remaining under treatment, 2; date of last case, March 31, 1906; number of rodents destroyed, 502; number examined, 324; number infected, 1.

ROCKHAMPTON.

After an absence of six years plague made its appearance during the week ended April 12. Four cases were reported from one warehouse. A thorough inspection failed to find any source of infection on the premises. One suspect rat was found. One death occurred in this group of cases. It was bacteriologically verified as caused by plague. All contacts were reported as being under observation, the shipping closely watched, and plague regulations enforced.